

19 April 1951 R-13

SUBJECT: Andrej KOSTJUCHENKO (Koschuchenko)

1. Verbal report given this date is repeated herewith.
2. According to an agreement met between Father van OUTERM (collaborating with us) and Pavlovich KOSARJEV (who also uses a number of other names) residing at Munich, 3, Augustenstrasse (not Augustinerstrasse as reported on 10 April 1951, R-12) 4th floor, met in February 1951, KOSARJEV was willing to support the Father to get defectors. Contrary to former report KOSARJEV is no member of HES but working independently as president of the organization 'Victims of Communism'; he is further connected with HILBERAND in Berlin, and with 'Humanity Call' in California. KOSARJEV seems to also be in close contact with Soviet officers group described in latest 'Menschner Illustrierte' and 'Sueddeutsche Zeitung', 18 April edition. In fact the Father met alleged Captain P, whose picture appeared in both above papers thru KOSARJEV.

By a Russian refugee also originating from Minsk area, as KOSARJEV does, the Father learned that KOSARJEV was personally considered honest, but surrounded by a dubious circle.

3. Immediately upon Andrej KOSTJUCHENKO's arrival at Munich (he fled on 2 April 1951 from Thuringia), KOSARJEV informed the Father (who in turn informed me).

When the Father endeavored, as arranged, to have KOSTJUCHENKO turned over to him (to hand him to us) by KOSARJEV, the latter became evasive. It appeared that KOSARJEV wanted to pump KOSTJUCHENKO for informations himself (reports he claims he makes out only in one copy, and on previous occasions has sold them to US Air Force at Frankfurt), and claiming that defectors had so far been poorly treated by US authorities he refused to pass anybody on. It is however alleged that KOSARJEV's attitude is primarily influenced by his desire to make money.

The Father now on several trips to Munich gradually collected the information concerning KOSTJUCHENKO. In the meantime KOSARJEV offered to hand over to the father three reports from KOSTJUCHENKO's personal experience:

- a- on White Russian Railroads (already received)
- b- on Airfields in Eastern Siberia, especially one particular for Soviet East Asiatic Long Range bombers, where KOSTJUCHENKO's deceased wife

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had been stationed (with underground hangars)
- on concentration camps, constructions thereof
etc in Eastern Siberia, where KOSJUCHENKO
had worked personally.

For these reports KOSSARJEV asked for a remuneration of 500 B marks. I advised the Father to not turn down such proposal (but also not accept it openly); the Father now has arranged with KOSSARJEV to meet him at 1100 hrs on Monday 23 April at his residence (Munich, 3, Augustenstrasse). He made it a condition that KOSJUCHENKO on such occasion must be present, and that he could (if at all) only hand the above sum to him. KOSSARJEV in turn informed the father that he would deduct a considerable part of such payment for the upkeep of his organization.

KOSSARJEV further has taken out (thru unknown connections he has with Refugee Organisation in Munich) a refugee identity paper for KOSJUCHENKO, but ascertained at the same time that KOSJUCHENKO had seen nobody except members of KOSSARJEV's circle, and specifically had not reported to any interrogation or organization. It seems that KOSSARJEV plans to place KOSJUCHENKO with 'Free Europe Radio' Munich (and it is alleged that he again plans to cut into any possible salary of KOSJUCHENKO's - however this is an allegation).

According to the Father's impression no information so far collected by KOSSARJEV has leaked out, and in case that we would buy will not leak out in the future.

4. The Father was informed by me that it was essential to get KOSJUCHENKO in person, and to speed this up. The father on several trips to Munich believes that he has received the following indicative information concerning KOSJUCHENKO's stay. He seems to live with Alexander HESSMERTNIJ (born 1923 at Vladimir), a refugee from Thuringia also who had already arrived at the beginning of this year. HESSMERTNIJ is engaged as kitchen help at an American Mess in Munich. He is allowed to take remaining food with him, and both he and KOSJUCHENKO live on such food. KOSJUCHENKO from time to time visits KOSSARJEV at his home (whether accompanied is not known, but not likely because HESSMERTNIJ is away during the day). KOSJUCHENKO will definitely come to 3 Augustenstrasse Munich (KOSSARJEV) on Monday before or after 1100 hours. The Father can give a personal description of KOSJUCHENKO which will follow.

5. The following would be my advice (in concurrence with father van OUTSEM):

- a- try to find HESSMERTNIJ's residence (he is engaged by a Munich US outfit and has been interrogated by CIC upon his arrival)
- b- watch KOSSARJEV's house all day Monday and shadow KOSJUCHENKO back to his quarters

- the father will, if he can get the address immediately upon paying out money to KOSBJUHNENKO try to speak to him alone at his quarters - should he not get his address he would have to do so on a later date. On such occasion the father will inform KOSBJUHNENKO that another Russian friend will meet him with whom he can go and stay.

(In connection herewith the father emphasized that it would be necessary to use a Russian thoroughly acquainted with present day conditions, playing the role of a former defector, as to win KOSBJUHNENKO's complete confidence, only at a later moment - when these two had become acquainted - his new friend could introduce American friends. The father believes this procedure immensely important. He himself would like to keep in contact with KOSBJUHNENKO because of the prospective priest defector from East Berlin.)

6. It does not seem improbable that by the payment of 500 D marks and the prospect of further payments in similar sums he would win (or rather the father would win) the personal and independent support of KOSBJUHNENKO, which might be useful in the future.

KOSBJUHNENKO definitely does not want to leave Europe, and wishes to participate in fighting Communism.

I would like to suggest that - after KOSBJUHNENKO has been completely 'mildred' - I should have the possibility to have and use his advice from time to time either directly or thru the father.

7. I therefore suggest that above plan be accepted, that the sum of 500 D marks be made available for the father for payment on Monday, and that from such date a suitable Russian be at hand to take KOSBJUHNENKO over.